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### **EPA approves expedited loan funding for Harvey-related water projects**

<https://www.texastribune.org/2017/09/15/epa-approves-expedited-loan-funding-harvey-related-water-projects/>

The Environmental Protection Agency this week approved a request from Texas officials to expedite funding to help local governments restore water and wastewater systems damaged by Hurricane Harvey. The Texas Water Development Board, which administers an EPA low-interest loan program for the state, asked the federal agency in a Sept. 1 letter for the flexibility to quicken loan distribution procedures.

### **Major Floods Are ‘Nothing New’ For Houston, But Harvey Offers Chance To Reflect, Rebuild**

<http://keranews.org/post/major-floods-are-nothing-new-houston-harvey-offers-chance-reflect-rebuild>

Flood experts, state officials and meteorologists are starting to get the full scope of Hurricane Harvey's behavior and the cost of damage it inflicted on the Texas Coast.

### **LOOMING CLOSURE OF HOUSTON’S EPA LAB MAY AFFECT POST-HARVEY RECOVERY EFFORT**

<http://www.texasstandard.org/stories/looming-closure-of-houstons-epa-lab-may-affect-post-harvey-recovery-effort/>

Houston’s Environmental Protections Agency lab is slated to shut down in 2020, raising questions about the future of Harvey recovery efforts in the area.

Bill Lambrecht of the San Antonio Express-News Washington Bureau says that in addition to testing the contents of the air and soil, the EPA identifies and gathers information on superfund sites – polluted areas that require long-term cleanup efforts to remove hazardous materials.

### **Hurricane Harvey’s toxic floods poisoned Houston along race and class lines**

<http://www.salon.com/2017/09/16/hurricane-harveys-toxic-floods-poisoned-houston-along-race-and-class-lines/>

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### **Hurricane Harvey Was A Once In 25,000 Year Storm**

<https://cleantechnica.com/2017/09/15/hurricane-harvey-25000-year-storm/>

Before Hurricane Harvey hit Houston, its effects on the area were expected to be “unprecedented” and “beyond anything experienced,” according to the National Weather Service.

### **NBC & ABC Fail To Mention How Climate Change Worsened Impacts Of Hurricane Harvey**

<https://cleantechnica.com/2017/09/15/nbc-abc-fail-mention-climate-change-worsened-impacts-hurricane-harvey/>

Hurricane Irma, a Category 5 storm that has laid waste to Barbuda and inundated Puerto Rico, is headed for Florida. The most powerful storm ever to descend on the Atlantic, Irma has produced winds so fierce some scientists have suggested it deserves a new classification—Category 6. Will

the major broadcast networks report on the role of climate change in shaping this storm? If Hurricane Harvey is any indication, the answer is ‘probably not.’ But by ignoring climate science, they are missing an opportunity to tell a great story.

**Hurricane Harvey’s pollution toll on air, water slowly comes into focus**

<http://www.mystatesman.com/news/state--regional-govt--politics/hurricane-harvey-pollution-toll-air-water-slowly-comes-into-focus/rpptomqBLn6eB7nn1VFprKL/>

Fifty-five refineries and petrochemical plants in the Houston, Corpus Christi and Beaumont areas collectively emitted 5.8 million pounds of benzene, ammonia and other pollutants to the air in connection with Hurricane Harvey, according to reports filed by the companies with state regulators

**As demand for water grows, Guadalupe Delta faces big challenges**

<http://www.expressnews.com/news/local/article/As-demand-for-water-grows-Guadalupe-Delta-faces-12202028.php>

The airboat glides over water and grasses. Its roar startles flocks of white egrets and dark ibises. They raise their spindly legs and take off from the delta with great flaps of their wide wings.

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